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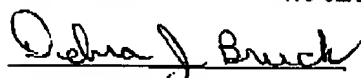
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		<i>Complete if Known</i>	
<b>for FY 2006</b>		Application Number	09/704,838
		Filing Date	November 1, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Ronald E. Sloan
		Examiner Name	K. S. Apple
		Group Art Unit	3693
Patent fees are subject to annual revision. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims Small Entity		Attorney Docket No.:	60021-375901
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<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>		<b>FEE CALCULATION (continued)</b>			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Add'l Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17		1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
		1812 2,520	1812 2,520	Filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
		1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1. <b>BASIC FILING FEE</b>		1253 1020	2253 510	Extension for reply within third month	\$1,020.00
Large Fee	Small Fee	Fee description	Fee Paid		
1000*	500*	Utility filing fee			
430*	215*	Design filing fee			
660*	330*	Plant filing fee			
1400*	700*	Reissue filing fee			
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<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					\$0.00
2. <b>EXTRA CLAIM FEES</b>		1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal	
Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid			
Claims - 20 =	50/25				
Ind. - 3 =	200/100				
Claims Multiple Dependent	360/180				
Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description			
50	25	Claims in excess of 20			
200	100	Independent claims in excess of 3			
360	180	Multiple dependent claim			
200	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
50	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					\$0.00
3. <b>Application Size Fee (Utility)</b>		1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)		1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing	
<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>		1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452 500	2452 250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453 1,500	2453 750	Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501 1,400	2501 700	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
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		8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
		1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
		1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
		1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
				Other fee (specify)	
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